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SUBJ: ALLOCATION OF PARTY DEPUTY SEATS IN 49TH
CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.

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1. THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE OF THE MEXICAN CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ANNOUNCED ON AUGUST 27 THAT IT IS ALLOCATING 21 PARTY DEPUTIES TO THE PAN, WHICH OBTAINED 16.4 PERCENT OF THE VOTE; 10 DEPUTIES TO THE PPS, WHICH OBTAINED 3.8 PERCENT OF THE VOTE; AND 6 DEPUTIES TO THE PARM, WHICH OBTAINED 1.97 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN THE ELCTIONS FOR DEPUTIES OF JULY 1, 1973. FOR THE FIRST TIME, PARTY DEPUTIES HAVE BEEN ALLOCATED TO THE THREE MINORITY PARTIES IN MEXICO IN STRICT ACCORD WITH THE LAW.

2. ACCORDING TO THE NEW FEDERAL ELECTORAL LAW, WHICH INCREASES THE NUMBER OF DEPUTIES TO 194, THE PERCENTAGE OF THE POPULAR VOTE NECESSARY FOR A POLITICAL PARTY TO OBTAIN ITS FIRST FIVE PARTY DEPUTY SEATS HAS BEEN LOWERED FROM 2.5 PERCENT TO 1.5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE. IN ADDITION, EACH PARTY RECEIVES AN EXTRA PARTY DEPUTY FOR EACH 0.5 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL VOTE ABOVE 1.5 PERCENT.

3. THE TOTAL NUMBER OF DEPUTIES WHICH EACH PARTY WILL
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NOW HAVE IN THE LEGISLATURE IS AS FOLLOWS:

PRI - 188 POPULARLY ELECTED DEPUTIES;

PAN - 25 DEPUTIES, INCLUDING 4 POPULARLY ELECTED ONES;

PPS - 10 DEPUTIES;

PARM - 7 DEPTUES, INCLUDING ONE POPULARLY ELECTED ONE.

A SPECIAL ELECTION MUST BE CALLED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF
AUGUST 27, 1973, TO ELECT A NEW DEPUTY FROM THE 6TH
DISTRICT OF PUEBLA (TEHUACAN) (REFTEL).

4. THE OFFICIAL VOTING RESULTS STATED THAT 15,121,124 CITIZENS
VOTED IN THE ELECTIONS OF JULY 1, 1973, 13,495,810 OF WHOSE
VOTES WERE VALID.

5. COMMENT: THE GOM DECISION TO ALLOCATE PARTY DEPUTIES
IN STRICT ACCORD WITH THE LAW IS UNDOUBTEDLY THE RESULT
OF THE GENERALLY BETTER SHOWING BY THE THREE MINORITY
PARTIES IN THE MOST RECENT ELECTIONS.

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